ISSUE OF WHEAT—DETAILS REGARDING

292. Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) with the issue of the rice ration has the issue of wheat been made compulsory;

(*b*) what is the price fixed for such compulsory quota of wheat;

(*c*) what has been the weekly off-take of rice in the year 1123;

(*i*) after the purchase of wheat by ration card holders have been made compulsory;

(*ii*) before that?

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Re. 0—8—4 per edangazhi.

(*c*) 1st week of November 1947—2,155.67 tons.

(*i*) 2nd week 2,631.46 ,,
3rd week 2,414.96 ,,
4th week 1,541.56 ,,

(*ii*)

3rd week of August	—2,056.65	tons.
4th week	2,598.41	,,
1st week of September	—1,895.38	,,
2nd week	2,055.09	,,
3rd week	1,948.73	,,
4th week	2,423.75	,,
1st week of October	—1,638.85	,,
2nd week	2,095.28	,,
3rd week	1,726.61	,,
4th week	2,399.67	,,

Note.—(1) The issue of wheat has been made compulsory with effect from 3rd November 1947 (17th Thulam 1123).

(2) The weekly off-take figures are being collected according to the English calendar. Hence the off-take figures are given above for the weeks corresponding to English months.

(3) The scale of ration was changed often during 1123. Hence the off-take variet in each week. The variation is also due to the compulsory issue of wheat and the harvest periods.

CARS ALLOTTED FOR THE STATE FOR 1946 AND 47—BASIS OF DISTRIBUTION

293. Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many cars have been allotted for the State in 1946 and 1947;

(*b*) how many of them have been received so far;

(*c*) the names of the persons or institutions to whom the cars have been allotted may also be given;

(*d*) the basis on which the distribution has been made;

(*e*) whether new cars have been allotted to person who have already possessed cars if so, the names of such persons may be stated?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Prime Minister)*:

(*a*) 84.

(*b*) All have been received.

(*c*) Please see list "A" appended. (Appendix II)

(*d*) Essential & Urgent nature of the use is the chief basis.

(*e*) Yes. Please see the list "B" appended. (Appendix II)

2. LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS (1) Government Bills—*(cont.)*

(i). The Cochin Co-operative Societies Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. P. Raman Menon *(Advocate-General)*: Sir, I move that the Cochin Co-operative Societies Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Constitutional Adviser)*: I second it, Sir.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Sir, there is a protest from here.

Mrs. Dr. T. Francis *(Ernakulam-Womens)*: Sir, I have agreed to one item only. I raise the objection.....

Mr. President: Order. The agenda is right, because these are the two Bills that have been agreed to be taken up and finally passed today. The others have been posted for the next meeting of the Legislative Council. The Hon'ble lady member was not present.

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Mrs. T. Francis *(Ernakulam Women's):* I am sorry, Sir.

Mr. President: The question is that the Cochin Co-operative Societies Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Motion put and carried.

(ii) The Cochin Merchandise Marks Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. P. Rama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Sir, I rise to move that the Cochin Merchandise Marks Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Constitutional Adviser):* I second it, Sir.

Mr President: The question is that the Cochin Merchandise Marks Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Motion put and carried.

3. Point of Order Re-Legislative Business

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulam):* Sir, before you proceed for taking up the non-official business, I have to make a humble submission. I find from the agenda placed before the House that Government have allotted today and tomorrow for non-official business. Today and tomorrow have been allotted by the agenda for non-official business of two particular classes, that is to say legislative business and resolutions. I find from the agenda for Friday that non-official bills are there and for Saturday I. Questions and Answers and II. Business left over from the previous day.

Mr. President: That is on the printed agenda.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulam):* Now the business left over from today may be either legislative business, if the legislative business is not over by 5 p.m. today, or resolutions If all the legislative business is over by 5 p.m. today. Therefore according to the Agenda placed before the House, it must be taken as the Diwan, now the Government which means His Highness acting through the Ministers, have posted and allotted Friday and Saturday for the transaction of two classes of non-official business namely legislative business and resolutions. Now we are going to proceed to take up one class of business namely legislation.

Mr. President: The Hon'ble member says one as legislation and the other as resolutions.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulam):* Yes, Sir. Now tomorrow immediately after questions and answers, according to the agenda placed before the House, we may take up other resolutions or we may take up legislation if legislative business is not over by 5 p.m. today and if it is over by 5 p.m., according to the agenda we will have to take up resolutions. Before we start the non-official business, we must know what time we will get because I find a supplementary agenda placed for tomorrow before we are starting non-official business—a supplementary agenda which cuts across the non-official business allotted for the Council. The supplementary agenda begins as follows:—

"After Questions and Answers Mr. P. Narayana Menon will move the following motion.—etc." that is to say the allotment of today and tomorrow, the allotment of the two days, Friday and Saturday, for non-official business belonging to two specific classes namely legislation and resolutions have been altered by the supplementary agenda placed before us. I don't want to speak a word about the resolution.

Mr. President: I understand the point.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulam):* Now according to me the President has no power to do so and the only authority in Cochin today to do so is the Government because under Standing Order 6, the Diwan, after considering the state of business of the Council shall, at the commencement of each meeting, that is to say at least by 11 o'clock on Monday last, allot so many days as are in Government's opinion compatible with public interest for the business of the non-official members of the Council and may allot different days for the disposal of different classes of such business; that is different classes of non-official business and may from time to time during the meeting alter such allotment and on these days such business shall have precedence. I find from the supplementary agenda that the business, allotment of business, has been altered by the President, probably by the Government—I don't know. Now if it is by the President it is invalid. But I don't know whether the president has consulted the Government on that matter and if Government think that the resolution standing in the name of Mr. Narayana Menon is as important as at least the legislative business of the non-official members here, I do not want for a moment to question.

Mr. President: That is a different matter.

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